

Please amend the claims as follows:

4. (amended) A recombinant DNA vector comprising the DNA segment according to claim 23 [1].

5. (amended) An *in vitro* culture of cells transformed with the DNA according to claim 23 [1].

REMARKS

With the entry of this amendment, claims 2-7, 16, 18, 19, and 22-25 will be pending in this application. The purpose of this amendment is to clarify the status of the claims. At the close of prosecution in application serial no. 07/915,884, applicant filed several amendments that were entertained by the examiner but ultimately were not entered. When applicants filed the current File Wrapper Continuation application, they asked that the amendment of January 5, 1995 be entered. However, the amendment of January 5, 1995 did not reflect the true status of the claim being amended because a previous amendment also was not entered by the examiner. Applicants believe that the status of the claims now may be in a state of confusion and therefore file this Preliminary Amendment in order to eliminate any such possible confusion.

New claim 23 corresponds to original claim 1; new claim 24 corresponds to original claim 20; and new claim 25 corresponds to original claim 21. The dependent claims have been amended to reflect the correct dependencies in view of this amendment.

Applicants point out that at the close of prosecution of the parent application, the examiner had acknowledged that claims 2, 3, 7, 16, 18, 19 and 22 were allowable.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request the examiner to enter this amendment and to verify the accuracy of the status of the claims prior to examination on the merits. Applicants hereby request an interview with the examiner to discuss any discrepancies that the examiner might find in any of the above.

Respectfully submitted,

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